



***Town of Mansfield
Proclamation
Recognizing Roots of Development***

Whereas, Roots of Development is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that helps impoverished communities in Haiti obtain the resources they need to sustainably manage their own development; and

Whereas, Roots of Development strives to promote an alternative, grassroots, community-driven approach to rural development; and

Whereas, Roots of Development believes that whether in Haiti, the United States, or any other country, people deserve basic resources such as clean drinking water, basic healthcare, and infrastructure like housing, roads, and electricity, not as a privilege, but as a right; and

Whereas, Roots of Development helps communities attain these resources by using an alternative approach to development that focuses on working from the bottom-up as opposed to the top-down and emphasizing the development process over the final product of the project; and

Whereas, the Roots of Development Bike Ride & Walk held at E. O. Smith High School is a community charitable event whose goal is to support the work of the Roots of Development organization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Mansfield recognizes Roots of Development for their charitable work in the impoverished communities in Haiti and is proud to be the host town for the second annual Roots of Development Bike Ride and Walk.

Gregory Haddad
Deputy Mayor, Town of Mansfield
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